

# Weekly Views

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*"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word - excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it." ~ Pearl Buck*

*Friday, September 18, 2009*

The UN-Chained Motorcycle Gang and the Georgia-based Soul Harbor Motorcycle Gang held a bike show-revival at Rockville Correctional Facility. Offenders heard music from the Soul Patrol Band from the Ellettsville House of Prayer.

Twelve new officers started the Pre-Service Training Academy this week, while forty-four newly hired officers graduated.

Bartholomew Co. Community Corrections will host an open house for the work release facility Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 – 5:30.

Anchor of Hope Ministries founders and Mary Kay consultants Abby Weatherford and Rita Abrams visited Indianapolis Juvenile as part of their Adopt-A-Face program, which ministers to prisoners and teaches them how to care for their skin.

Henryville has introduced the GLADNESS Project, which is a series of workshops that prepare offenders to find a jobs.

Kenneth Johnson, the Colts' chaplain, visited the Indiana Women's Prison and shared an inspirational message.

Miami Correctional hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament. 19 teams played and received prizes, refreshments, and dinner.

Pendleton Juvenile held a PLUS graduation for 5 offenders, and family and friends attended the ceremony.

Westville's Therapeutic Community Creative Energy Department hosted a "Stomp For Recovery" competition. Five teams of stompers performed for an audience of staff and offenders as a tribute to National Recovery Month.

Indianapolis Juvenile "locked up" Administrative Assistant Sharon Dawn for the SECC, and staff raised \$110 for bail.

The PREF Building Trades class worked on a Habitat for Humanity house and will soon begin a roofing project at IJCF.

NIC's Regional Field Coordinator for Indiana, Amanda Hall, presented a workshop with Kentucky's Regional Field Coordinator for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Henryville scored 100% on mandatory standards and 99.5 % on non-mandatory standards during a program review audit.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile was at Pendleton Juvenile this week, and 28 staff volunteered to donate.

Branchville's PLUS unit installed a new saltwater aquarium, giving the offenders a sense of responsibility and therapy.

PREF celebrated the 3-year anniversary of the facility's Toastmasters club charter. Sheltering Wings women's shelter and St. Mark's Episcopal Food Pantry both received donations from recent Toastmasters Club fundraisers.

Eleven paralegal students from the Fort Wayne International Business College toured Pendleton Correctional Facility.

Pendleton Correctional staff conducted a bake sale this week to benefit the SECC.

CIF graduated 8 fathers from Baby Care Basics/Dads 101 and 12 fathers from the Inside/Out Dad programs this week.

WVCF's Inside Out Dads program donated \$1000 to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, and the PLUS unit donated \$1000 to the Terre Haute Children's Museum for a cornerstone honoring a volunteer, the late Dutch Gunyon.

The Indiana Blood Center's Bloodmobile visited the Plainfield Correctional Facility. Staff filled every donation time slot.

Correctional Industrial Facility is hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> Preventative Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) weekend.

PREF hosted staff from the Kentucky DOC and the Kentucky State Reformatory for a tour of the facility.

ISP's Shifting Gears program gave 25 refurbished bicycles to the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter in LaPorte, IN.

5 New Castle staff attended a New Castle Chamber of Commerce luncheon, at which Lt. Governor Becky Skillman spoke.

CIF held a Hardees fundraiser and donated \$535.36 to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Indiana.

Putnamville Correctional Facility held a blood drive this week and another has been scheduled for later this month.

Central Office held a silent auction and a pizza sale for the SECC this week. Combined, the events raised over \$1,000!

*From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner*